## Executive Froclamation State of South Dakota

## Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Charles Burtz came to South Dakota from Fremont, Nepraska, in 1909, and started a homestead in the untamed White River Valley in Tripp County, and was later joined by his wife, Julia, and their three children; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Burtz was a fair, generous, hard-working man whose active roll in pioneering South Dakota includes the Spanish-American War; he was deacon at the Witten Baptist Church; a Sunday School teacher; and also helped to organize the Farmers Co-op and the hospital at Winner; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Burtz died in 1962 and was buried with full military honors. His wife, Julia, died three years later. However, the Burtz spirit has not waivered and to this day his relatives remember him with admiration and respect. So strong is this feeling of respect that the entire family of the Burtz heritage is uniting 75 years later at the site of the original homestead; and,

WHEREAS, It is both fitting and proper for the Governor of South Dakota to recognize this reunion commemorating this honorable man, his wife, and their seven children, and the contributions they made to enriching the lives of South Dakotans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 24, 1984, as

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in South Dakota, and I join the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Charles and Julia in this celebration.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four

VILLIAM J. JANKLON GOVERNOR

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